



City of Concord

Weekly City Manager Newsletter

December 11, 2015

CITY SELLS \$4.395 MILLION GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

City Administration is pleased to report that it received competitive bids on Tuesday, December 8th, for a \$4.395 million general obligation (GO) bond issue, and for a one year, \$1.99 million bond anticipation note issue. The City received four bids for the GO bonds and one bid for the bond anticipation note. Morgan Stanley & Co., LLC, purchased the \$4.395 million bonds at an average interest rate of 2.517%. Century Bank and Trust Company, of Medford, MA, purchased the \$1.99 million bond anticipation note at an interest rate of .70%. The proceeds will be used for various City capital projects. Prior to the sale, Standard & Poor's Ratings Services affirmed the City's bond rating of AA+ for existing bonds and issued a rating of AA+ for the GO bond sale. They also issued a rating of SP-1+ for the bond anticipation note sale. The rating report cited the City's strong economy; very strong management, with strong financial policies and practices; very strong budget flexibility; strong budgetary performance; and very strong liquidity as part of the basis for their ratings.

SEWALLS FALLS BRIDGE

This past week, the contractor began to set formwork for the abutment and wing walls on the south side of the project, continued dismantling the steel decking on the north truss of the existing bridge, performed miscellaneous drainage work around the site, and made continued progress on the temporary work platform adjacent to the existing truss. Next week, the contractor will place reinforcing and finishing formwork for the south abutment and wing walls, begin the installation of a support in the water to hold up a section of the existing truss during demolition, install a drainage run adjacent to Sewalls Falls Road on the south side of the project, and continue to work on the temporary work platform and dismantling of the existing truss.



ROLFE PARK TREE PRUNING

The Grounds Division of the Parks & Recreation Department has been taking advantage of the great weather provided by Mother Nature to catch up on needed pruning of trees at Rolfe Park in Penacook.

After consulting with Concord General Services' Tree Supervisor Ryan Rambeau, identified trees are being trimmed and raised to better expose the turf to more sunlight and better air circulation. This will aid in the establishment of new seedlings and improve playing surfaces.



The Concord Police Department will host "Coffee with a Cop" on **Friday, December 18th**, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM, at True Brew Barista, located downtown at 3 Bicentennial Square.

This event provides a unique opportunity for Concord Police Officers and community members to come together in an informal, neutral space to discuss community issues and build relationships in a relaxed, one-on-one interaction over coffee. Members of the community are invited to attend to ask questions, bring concerns, or simply get to know our officers.

ROCK THE HOLIDAYS AT THE AUDI!

On **Sunday, December 20th**, at **6:00 PM**, the Friends of the Audi will hold their 25th annual Holiday Open House, headlined by The Rockin Daddios. Everyone is welcome at this special community gathering featuring a True Pot Luck Supper and the "famous Audi Punch." The Friends will present their 2015 review and 2016 plans, and then the music will start! The Rockin Daddios were named NH Magazine's pick for Best Doo-Wop Group in 2015.



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CITY EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Chris Jacques, Grounds Superintendent in the Parks and Recreation Department, has been invited by the UNH Cooperative Extension to be part of the planning team for their spring Municipal Turf and Grounds Conference. Chris will be part of the committee tasked with finding a suitable place to hold the event, scheduling speakers, and extending invitations to vendors to attend. The conference affords those in the turf industry an opportunity to interact and network with their peers; update and receive CEU's and pesticide credits to maintain licensure; and learn new skills and the latest information on various turf and tree-related topics. The conference is scheduled to be held on March 30, 2016.

CONCORD PUBLIC LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Toddler Tales

Monday, December 14th
9:30 AM

Family Storytime

Wednesday, December 16th
9:30 AM

Lapsit

Thursday, December 17th
9:30 AM

Paws for Pages

Thursday, December 17th
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

PREPARATION FOR WINTER OPERATIONS

Although it hasn't snowed yet, Concord General Services has been ready for winter operations for quite some time. Operations for winter maintenance occur well before and beyond the winter season. The Highway and Utilities Division has had 2,500 tons of salt mix prepared and ready to use since the end of October. More salt will be prepared throughout the season, as needed. In addition, Primex provided safety training for snow plow operators in late October, before crews began fall leaf collection. Another training session occurred yesterday for snow plow operators from other City divisions and departments that help plow during the winter season.

As soon as the winter season ends, the Equipment Services Division inspects the snow plows and services them for any needed repairs that may have been deferred due to ongoing plowing operations. Any corrosion issues are addressed and the salt spreaders (sanders) are rinsed out and oiled up for the next season. Any new parts that may be needed are procured and installed. Some of these parts have a lead time of several months, therefore it is important to inspect the equipment early. Preparing an inventory of commonly worn items and expendables, such as wiper blades, windshield washer fluid, plow lights, plow bolts, etc. proves to be an asset to keep equipment running in full swing during winter operations. All tractor mounted snow blowers for sidewalks and loader mounted snow blowers are also inspected and rinsed out, and any necessary repairs are done. Every piece of equipment used is carefully inspected to ensure everything is ready to go at the first sign of snow. Whenever that first snowfall comes, crews will be ready!



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